

Rejected:

Polis amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–112) that sought to reduce from 11 to 10 the statutory requirement for the number of operational carriers that the U.S. Navy must have (by a recorded vote of 60 ayes to 363 noes, Roll No. 228); and

Pages H3177–78

Smith (WA) amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 114–112) that sought to provide a framework for closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by December 31, 2017 (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 231).

Pages H3179–80

Proceedings Postponed:

Rohrabacher amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 114–112) that seeks to acknowledge Dr. Afridi's instrumental role in identifying the hiding place of Osama bin Laden and further state that it is the Sense of Congress that Dr. Shakil Afridi is an international hero and that the Government of Pakistan should release him immediately from prison;

Pages H3181–82

Lamborn amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 114–112) that seeks to limit funding for implementing the New START treaty;

Pages H3182–84

Blumenauer amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 114–112) that seeks to require funding for the Navy's new Ohio-class replacement submarines to come from their traditional Navy accounts, instead of the Sea-Based Deterrent Fund; transfer funds from the Sea-Based Deterrent Fund back into their historic Navy budget lines;

Pages H3184–87

Lucas amendment (No. 38 printed in H. Rept. 114–112) that seeks to reverse and prohibit the further listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a threatened or endangered species until 2021, thereby allowing the states to implement their voluntary Range-Wide Conservation Plan for the Lesser Prairie Chicken's habitat; delists the American Burying Beetle as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act; and

Pages H3191–92

Nadler amendment (No. 41 printed in H. Rept. 114–112) that seeks to strike section 3121, which places limits on funding for dismantlement of nuclear weapons.

Pages H3192–94

H. Res. 260, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1735) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 225.

Pages H2989–97

Recess: The House recessed at 9:28 p.m. and reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2972, H2999, H3181.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 10 and S. 1356 were held at the desk.

Pages H2972, H3181

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2997, H2998, H2998–2999, H3177–78, 3178–79, 3179, 3179–80, and 3180–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on a bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a markup on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2016. The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2016 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

EXAMINING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S MISMANAGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Examining the Federal Government's Mismanagement of Native American Schools". Testimony was heard from Charles M. Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of Interior; and William Mendoza, Executive Director, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education, Department of Education.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on the "21st Century Cures Act"; and H.R. 1321, the "Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015". The "21st Century Cures Act" was forwarded to the full committee, as amended. H.R. 1321 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a markup on the "TSCA Modernization Act of 2015". The "TSCA Modernization Act of 2015" was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

PROTECTING CONSUMERS: FINANCIAL DATA SECURITY IN THE AGE OF COMPUTER HACKERS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting Consumers: Financial Data Security in the Age of Computer Hackers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TILA-RESPA INTEGRATED DISCLOSURE: EXAMINING THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF CHANGES TO THE REAL ESTATE SETTLEMENT PROCESS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure: Examining the Costs and Benefits of Changes to the Real Estate Settlement Process”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING U.S. ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Economic Interests in Asia”. Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Russel, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Charles H. Rivkin, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

ENERGY REVOLUTION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE U.S.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Energy Revolution in the Western Hemisphere: Opportunities and Challenges for the U.S.”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; A PATHWAY TO FREEDOM: RESCUE AND REFUGE FOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a markup on H.R. 2140, to promote freedom, human rights, and the rule of law as part of United States-Vietnam relations; and H. Res. 213, condemning the April 2015 terrorist attack at the Garissa University College in Garissa, Kenya, and reaffirming the United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and for other purposes; and a hearing entitled “A Pathway to Freedom: Rescue and Refuge for Sex Trafficking Victims”. H.R. 2140 and H. Res. 213 were both forwarded to the full committee, without amendment. Testimony was heard from Sean Reyes, Attorney General, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a markup on H.R. 1300, the “First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act”; H.R. 2200, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2206, the “State Wide Interoperable Communications Enhancement Act”. H.R. 1300 and H.R. 2200 were reported to the full committee, as amended. H.R. 2206 was reported to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 758, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (LARA) of 2015”; H.R. 526, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2015”; and H. Con. Res. 13, expressing the sense of Congress that the radical Islamic movement in Afghanistan known as the Taliban should be recognized officially as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States Government. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 758, H.R. 526, and H. Con. Res. 13.

LITIGATION AND INCREASED PLANNING'S IMPACT ON OUR NATION'S OVERGROWN, FIRE-PRONE NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Litigation and Increased Planning's Impact on Our Nation's Overgrown, Fire-Prone National Forests”. Testimony was heard from Randy Hanvelt, Supervisor, District 2, Tuolumne County, California; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1644, the “Supporting Transparent Regulatory and Environmental Actions in Mining Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INADEQUATE STANDARDS FOR TRUST LAND ACQUISITION IN THE INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1934

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Inadequate Standards for Trust Land Acquisition in the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of Interior, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

U.S. SECRET SERVICE: ACCOUNTABILITY FOR MARCH 4, 2015 MISCONDUCT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Secret Service: Accountability for March 4, 2015 Misconduct”. Testimony was heard from John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

COAST GUARD MAJOR ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Coast Guard Major Acquisitions”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Baffer, Assistant Commandant for Acquisitions, Coast Guard; Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN VA'S PURCHASE CARD PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in VA's Purchase Card Program”. Testimony was heard from Edward J. Murray, Acting Assistant Secretary for Management and Interim Chief Financial Officer, Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Linda A. Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup on H.R. 675, the “Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015”; H.R. 677, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2015”; H.R. 732, the “Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act”; H.R. 1067, the “U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Reform Act”; H.R. 1331, the “Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2015”; H.R. 1414, the “Pay As You Rate Act”; H.R. 1569, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1607, the “Ruth Moore Act of 2015”. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 1067, H.R. 1414, H.R. 732, and H.R. 1607. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 675, H.R. 677, H.R. 1331, and H.R. 1569.

Joint Meetings**BUSINESS MEETING**

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee announced designation of Chairman and Vice Chairman, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee announced designation of Chairman and Vice Chairman, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Update on the Current State of Nuclear Waste Management Policy”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “FCC Reauthorization: Improving Commission Transparency Part II”, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 271, the “COVER Act”; H.R. 627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1575, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces; H.R. 1769, the “Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015”; H.R. 2256, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration and the furnishing of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2257, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive treatment provided to certain disabled veterans; hearing entitled “Overcoming Barriers to More Efficient and Effective VA Staffing”, 9:45 a.m., 334 Cannon.